

## [The marriage of Mr. H. Graham Benners]

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Hale County

[Vera K. Henry?]

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The marriage of Mr. H. Graham Benners and Miss Annie LeVert [Poellnitz?] which occurred in St. Paul's Episcopal church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, was decidedly the most notable society event of the season

Long before the appointed [hour?], the [edifice was?] thronged with a representative assemblage eager to see the union of two society favorites. even nature had put aside her frown, the [?] had spent its fury, and her smiling face was seen peering in at the windows and lending an additional brightness making all [exclaim] "Happy is the bride the sun shines on."

[?] "Bridal chorus" by a [double?] quartette [heralded?] the bridal party. Which was led by the ushers, [Messrs?] Frank G. Gulley and [Edward?] S. Jack, Then the attendants came alternately two bridesmaids and two groomsmen, separating and crossing over on reaching the chance, where they formed a [double semicircle?]. They were: Misses Fanny Ervin Jones, [Lida Inge?], Juliet Pickens, Lucy [Stickney?], Edith Cobbs, Ethel Erwin, Maggie Nelson, [Lvey?] L. Cobb and [Messrs?] Charles [Poellnitz?] Joe Benners of Birmingham

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[??] Blunt, Lane Castleman [??], George K. [Keady?] and William [Pickens?]. Then the [??] fairy-like flower girl Miss Annie Erwin [Parrison?] attended by her gallant cavalier, Master Henry W. [Poellnitz?] followed by the lovely maid of honor, Miss Stella [Poellnitz?] who carried a gorgeous bouquet of pink roses. Last of all the blushing beautiful bride came leaning on the arm of her father, Maj. Charles Poellnitz. The groom accompanied by his best man Mr. [Augustus Benners?] of Birmingham, emerged from the [vestry?] room and waited the bride at the altar.

The bride wore a superb and exquisite French gown of white satin, with [soft?] lace [corsage garniture?], which enhanced her piquant brunette beauty to a marvelous degree. And made her a quaint sweet picture and an ideal bride. The handsome bouquet which completed this perfect costume was of bride roses. The pretty bridesmaids attired in dainty white [?] and fairly [?] with pink and white carnations and [smilax?] were as gay and as light and as bright "As the lay of the lark In his [fitful?] flight"

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When the ceremony by Rev. Dr. R.H. Cobbs was concluded the bridal pageant [proceeded?] down the aisle to the save [stirring strains?] of [Mendelssohn's?] wedding march the bride and groom bring preceded by there tiny attendants Miss Annie [?] and Master Henry Poellnitz who strewed flowers on their way, and many were the wishes that in the years to come flowers as [sweet might?] spring up in their pathway, and conceal the rough places in life's journey.

A prettier wedding Greensboro has not seen no one in which more real interest was manifested from the church the bridal party with relatives and friends [repaired?] to the house of the bride's parents where good old time aristocratic hospitality and a sumptuous [repass?] awaited them: For the [genial?] host and hostess Maj. and Mrs Poellnitz are known throughout this section to be delightful entertainers.

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Mr and Mrs Benners departed on the 5:30 train for a trip to New Orleans.

The bride has been a much admired factor in social circle here during several years of young ladyhood. She is a brilliant conversationalist being wonderfully clever at [riparter?] which together with her charm of form and face give her a prominent place in any social 4 gathering.

The groom is a bright and cultivated gentleman. A prince of good fellows with a host of friends throughout the state who congratulate him upon the prize he has won. He has for years been the editor of the Alabama Beacon which continues to shed its brilliant rays broadcast, and cheer the lives of many.

Eighty three handsome wedding gifts attended the popularity of the happy pair, very costly were many of the presents, which showed every variety of solid silver, cut glass, hand painted china and an exquisite onyx and brass five o'clock tea table.

At the present time Dec. 20, 1938 Mr and Mrs Benners are both living in Greenbore in the town in which they married They are dearly loved by all who know them and Mr. Benner works in the watchman office with Mr. [Gray?] and has a column in the [paper?] every week. They have no children but Mrs Benner has been a mother to her brother's two sons , Dr. A.A. Poellnitz sons.